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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6149**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 67

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 7, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Cruelty to Animals.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lanane

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires a court to consider counseling as part of the sentence imposed on an adult or juvenile who has committed animal cruelty. It permits a court to order the adult or juvenile to receive counseling.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Under current law, cruelty to an animal is a Class A misdemeanor, or a Class D felony for a subsequent offense or for cases of torture and mutilation. The bill would require the court to consider ordering an adult or juvenile who has committed animal cruelty, to receive psychological, behavioral, or other counseling, in addition to any other sentence. If the court orders an offender to receive counseling, and an offender can pay or has insurance to pay for counseling, there would be no additional cost to the county. However, expenses of indigent offenders would be paid by the county.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:**

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